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SUBJECT: UPU CONGRESS - REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIPATION OF
NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES AT UPU CONGRESS

1. BULGARIA PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PARA 5 ARTICLE 5 OF
CONFERENCE RULES OF PROCEDURE. THIS PARA NOW READS:

"5. REQUESTS FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO TAKE PART
IN CONGRESS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AN EXPRESS DECISION OF CONGRESS
IN EACH CASE."

PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE ADDED PHRASE "FROM NON-MEMBER
COUNTRIES AND" IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORD "REQUESTS".

2. AT PLENARY SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT IF BULGARIAN
AMENDMENT WERE ADOPTED CONGRESS WOULD BE EMPOWERED DECIDE ON EACH
REQUEST BY SIMPLE MAJORITY. CHAIRMAN ADDED THAT VOTE ON PROPOSED
AMENDMENT REQUIRED TWO-THIRD MAJORITY.

3. RESULTS VOICE VOTING WERE 85 IN FAVOR, 1 (US) AGAINST, AND
44 ABSTENTIONS. AMENDMENT DEFEATED SINCE MAJORITY REQUIRED WAS 89.
(132 PRESENT). THE 85 INCLUDED SOVIET BLOC, CHINA AND LARGE
PROPORTION AFRICAN VOTES. ABSTENTIONS WERE WEO'S, LATIN
AMERICANS.

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4. COMMUNIST TACTIC APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN TO PUSH THROUGH
DECEPTIVELY SIMPLE TEXT RESOLUTION IN EARLIEST STAGE CONGRESS
BEFORE MANY DELEGATES HAD TIME FOCUS ON IMPLICATIONS AND
EFFECTIVELY LOBBY. IT NOT UNLIKELY THAT AT LEAST PART OF 44
ABSTENTIONS ATTRIBUTABLE TO FACT THAT SOME DELEGATIONS
(FREQUENTLY ENTIRELY COMPOSED POSTAL PEOPLE) DID NOT UNDERSTAND
RESOLUTION AND PLAYED IT SAFE. USDEL COORDINATION WITH WEO'S

AND CERTAIN LATIN AMERICANS COMBINED WITH UK,
SCANDINAVIAN CONCERN OVER PASSAGE HELPED FORM BLOCKING
THIRD AGAINST AFRO-ARAB BLOC WHICH WAS APPARENTLY BROUGHT
IN LINE WITH PROMISES SUPPORT FOR ISSUES THEY REALLY
UNDERSTOOD, E.G. GUINEA BISSAU, LIBERATION MOVEMENT
OBSERVERS AND AID.ABRAMS

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